

**SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.**—Under Class I, how many were appointed after 1950?

**SRI K.H. SRINIVAS.**—I don't have that break up. I want a separate notice.

**SRI C.M. ARUMUGHAM.**—Sir, under Class I, it is 721 and the percentage of SCs is only 0.83. What are the reasons for the inadequate representation under Class I?

**SRI K.H. SRINIVAS.**—The usual reason has always been that persons with requisite qualifications are not available. Government have now asked the K.E.B. to thoroughly examine the entire question and submit a detailed report. Government will take necessary action to see that adequate constitutionally guaranteed opportunities are afforded to SC/ST people in the K.E.B.

**SRI MR. SPEAKER.**—The questions are over.

### QUESTION FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

#### Delay in Issuing Final Notification revising the Minimum Wages of Beedi Workers.

355 **SRI B.V. KAKKILAYA (Vittal)**—Will the Minister for Labour and Excise be pleased to state:—

(a) when the draft notification revising the minimum wages of Beedi Workers was issued by the Government;

(b) whether the Government have issued the final Notification;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay?

**SRI R. S. PATIL (Minister for Labour and Excise)**—

(a) 14-2-1978.

(b) No.

(c) The objections and suggestions received will be placed before the State Minimum Wages Advisory Board shortly and the rate of minimum wages will be finalised.

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR—ANNOUNCEMENT

**MR. SPEAKER** :—I have received a message from the Governor of Karnataka which is as follows :